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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES CHARGES AGAINST SEX OFFENDER FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Marcus W. Harrison, 28, Bakersfield, Calif., was charged with failing to register as a sex offender and knowingly failing to update a sex offender registration, following an investigation by the Vanderburgh County (Indiana) Sheriff's Office, United States Marshal's Service, Indianapolis, and Kern County (California) Sheriff's Department.

The information alleges that Harrison was convicted of child molestation of a five year old child in Dubois County, Ind., on June 20, 2009. Harrison then traveled to California, failing to update his required sex offender registration in California or Indiana.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Harrison faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled in Evansville, Indiana before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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